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IOWA-FALLS LETTER.

Odds and Ends from A Western Parson.

IOWA FALLS, IOWA, MAY 18, 1902.

EDITOR NEWS: "Shad! Fresh shad! Hudson River shad!"—Just think of hearing a cry like that away out here in Iowa. But I heard it. They were the real thing—fresh roe shad—and I bought a four pounder at the reasonable price of twelve and a half cents a pound—fifty cents for the four-pound shad. With no one at home but Mrs. S. and myself, you may know we had fish for several meals. My isn't it good though! We have been in Iowa for nearly twenty-five years and that was our first treat in shad. My father used to tell about an old German who said, "I like de mackerel besser as de shad. De bigger de bone de easier 'ousch a kreaga," but we did not find many bones in our shad. Perhaps we were so hungry we ate it "bones and all." There is no fish in this part of the country equal to the shad. We hope they will ship some more to Iowa Falls.

We had a very peculiar April as to weather—scarcely any rain during the entire month. It was rather cool, too. May has brought us plenty of rain. The soil is in excellent condition. Crops are growing, and look fine. Farmers are right in the midst of planting corn.

At the parsonage we have harvested our first crop of radishes and sown seed in the same ground for another crop, and will continue this repetition as long as we want radishes during the summer.

The Hardin county Sunday school Convention met at Radcliffe, Iowa, last week. Your correspondent had the honor of presiding over this body of Sunday school workers.

Many thought it the best convention in interest and spiritual fervor ever held in the county. At this meeting we elected delegates to our State Convention which is to be held at Sioux City, Iowa, June 10-12, 1902. That will be a great gathering, but the great Sunday school gathering of this year is the International Association, which meets in Denver, Colo., in the latter part of June. This will bring together the greatest Sunday school workers of the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Don't you wish you could go? Rates are going to be very low, and the attendance will be very large.

Yesterday we held our third quarterly meeting. Our year is rapidly coming to a close.

Our conference is to meet at Marshalltown, Sept. 17, 1901, with Bishop Goodsell in the chair. I was admitted on trial in the upper Iowa Conference at the session held in Marshalltown twenty-four years ago next October.—There are now only four of our class in this conference, and the bishop who presided, has gone to his reward. We will probably hold a reunion of our class, when conference meets this fall.

Speaking of Annual Conferences makes the following story appropriate:

Rev. R. W. McMaster, presiding-elder of the Fort Smith District Methodist Episcopal Church, was traveling through his district, which embraces a large territory in northwest Arkansas. He chanced to overtake a preacher of another denomination, who was very much excited over a meeting he had had with Bishop Galloway of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Among other words of recognition and praise, he said:

"I recon Bishop Galloway is the finest orator in the West; I hear 'im when he predominated over the conference at Springdale and when he had got through that meetin' he went down to Lo-nake, Ark., to predominated there."

By the way, did I ever tell you of the trouble my gentlemanly friend, Nace, your merchant tail-

or, brought upon himself once, in his effort to be polite?

Well, one day he was riding on the street car, and it was crowded, when a lady coming in, he arose and proffered her his seat and the affair I present to you in poetry:

He arose to give her his seat.
"Please keep it yourself," said she.
"No, no; I insist that you take it;
You're older than I am," said he.

An umbrella swished through the air;
He was felled by a blow on the head.
And the law would step in if we printed
The things that the good lady said.

Notwithstanding all this he still lives. May his shadow never grow less.

With a kindly greeting to all my friends, I am

Yours very truly,
GEO. B. SHOEMAKER.

Whips Cove.

May 19.—Notwithstanding the dry weather, the grain and grass are looking well.

After spending a few days in the Cove last week, Samuel Dillon returned to his home at Round Top, Md. Mr. Dillon was accompanied home by Mrs. Stine of Mattie, Bedford county, who went to visit her brother-in-law, Henry Stine.

Mrs. George Brabson's sister's child was buried at the Lower church last Thursday evening, 15th inst. Every one remarked that the small coffin was the nicest they had ever seen.

Mrs. J. A. Garland has pneumonia. Dr. Wm. L. McKibbin is treating her.

Rev. A. W. May preached at the Lower church last Sunday from Mark 15:16. There was a big congregation there, a number of persons outside the Cove being present. Children's day will be observed there, on the third Sunday of June.

Laidig.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company are putting four more wires upon their line along the State Road.

Mr. and Mrs. James Reeder attended the funeral of Mrs. Reeder's grandmother, Mrs. Mahala Mellott, near Siloam, on Sunday. C. M. Brant and family, Mrs. J. G. Lyon, and Mrs. T. F. Davis spent Saturday afternoon in Wells Valley.

David Stevens who had been in quite poor health for some time, is somewhat improved.

H. K. Mellott has finished sawing at J. W. Laidig's and moved back to Licking Creek.

J. H. H. Lewis, candidate for commissioner passed through this township on Tuesday.

Ex-Sheriff Pensinger of Chambersburg spent part of Tuesday in this vicinity.

There was a large turnout of voters at the Republican primary in this township on Saturday, larger than at any similar meeting in former years.

Samuel Deavor who had been in Clearfield is home on a visit.

J. F. Johnson returned home Saturday evening from Greensburg where he had been with his son Ross, who died there of blood poisoning, Sunday May 18.

M. L. Kirk and son Herbert have returned from Three Springs where they had been painting.

Grant Hoover had quite a sore arm last week, the result of poisoning.

The locusts have taken to themselves wings and the woods will soon be resonant with their noise.

Monday afternoon, May 19 lightning struck a walnut tree and a gum tree near the telephone line at Hiram Cleveland's. It splintered and peeled a piece from the gum tree as large as a fence rail.

S. D. Stevens of Chambersburg, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Stevens of Laidig on Sunday.

Mrs. E. L. Daniels of Sipe's Mill, who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. P. P. Mann and other friends in this place, has returned home.

HARVEST OF DEATH.

Well Known People Who Have Passed Over.

Mrs. William Souders.

Mrs. Jane A., wife of William Souders died at her home in McKeesport, Pa., on Friday, May 9, 1902, after an illness of several years' duration.

The maiden name of the deceased was Slayman. Her parents were James and Catharine Slayman. She was born near Warfordsburg, this county, on April 2, 1852. In March, 1870, she was united in marriage with William Souders. About 25 years ago the family went to Everett and resided there until 18 months ago, when they moved to McKeesport, where they have resided since. She had been a member of the M. E. church from her childhood. Her remains were interred at Everett Monday, May 12.

The deceased is a sister of Samuel and A. Lincoln Slayman of Bethel township.

Prof. J. W. Elliot.

Prof. James W. Elliot, principal of the Renovo, Pa., Public Schools, died at his home at Renovo, at noon on Monday of last week. He was born at Reedsville, Pa., August 27, 1861. His father, Rev. George Elliot, was pastor of the Presbyterian church of this place from '81 to '84. The family at that time, in addition to the parents, was composed of James, John, Kate, Bess, and a little grand-daughter, and are remembered here as a very pleasant family. Since their leaving here, both the girls, the father, and now Jim—all have died.

Prof. James Elliott was supervising principal of the Renovo school. Was recently re-elected superintendent of Presbyterian Sunday school. He was an active member of the Royal Arcanum, of which he was grand deputy, also secretary Board of Trade of Renovo. The body was interred at Bellefonte. A wife and daughter mourn his death.

D. Calvin Mellott.

David Calvin Mellott, a highly respected farmer died at his home in Belfast township, Wednesday May 21, 1902, aged 57 years, 6 months, and 29 days.

One day in the latter part of last February Mr. Mellott was soling a sled and accidentally cut his right leg near the knee with the axe he was using. The wound was not, at first, considered a serious one, but it did not heal, and pockets of pus were formed both above and below the wound, and the limb did not yield to treatment until "blood poisoning" set in, which brought about his death.

His funeral took place on Friday, and his remains were interred at the Dunkard church in Belfast township, Rev. J. C. Garland officiating.

The deceased was a member of the Dunkard church, and was an excellent citizen.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons and two daughters, namely, Ephraim A., of Mattie, Bedford county; Howard, of Bethel township; John, of Belfast; Mrs. George W. Miller, of Tod; and Rosa, at home.

Dr. H. H. Hill.

On Thursday morning of last week Dr. H. H. Hill died at his home in Everett after a prolonged illness, at the age of 57 years, 5 months, and 16 days.

Dr. Hill was a son of the late Lemuel Hill, and was born in Bethel township this county in 1844, and was educated at St. Vincent College at Latrobe, Westmoreland county, and the Iron City Business College, Pittsburg. He, with Dr. W. L. McKibbin, read medicine in Hancock, Maryland, under Dr. J. B. Delaplane and Dr. Hill graduated from the Jefferson Medical College in 1867. Beginning to practice at Emmaville, this county, he continued there until 1877 when he removed to Everett, where he enjoyed a large and lucrative practice for a number of years. He died just 25 years

from the date he located there.

In September 1869 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary dela Montanye. To this union one son was born—Dr. Walter dela M. Hill—who with his mother survives, the former at present residing at Osterburg, Bedford county.

The deceased was a brother of Job L. and George of Bethel township and of Mrs. Denton Hender-shot of Bethel and Mrs. F. P. Lynch of this place. For a number of years he was a member of the Episcopal denomination and took an active part in the affairs of that church.

Interment at the cemetery at Everett last Saturday afternoon.

Ross H. Johnson.

The many friends of Ross H. Johnson were shocked to learn of his death at Waynesburg, Greene county Pa., Sunday May 18, 1902 aged 29 years and 6 days.

The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Johnson of Taylor township, this county, and a few months ago went to Greensburg where he found employment.

One day, about a month ago, he was stropping his razor preparatory to shaving, when, in some way, he nicked his little finger with the edge of the razor. The accident seemed so trifling that he scarcely gave it a thought at the time, but in a day or two it began to show signs of inflammation and gave him pain. Local remedies were applied, but the swelling went to the hand, up the arm, and finally the entire side of his body became congested, and although he had the attention of two skillful physicians, blood poisoning resulted and death ended his suffering.

On account of the condition of the remains, his parents gave up the idea of bringing the body home, and interment was made at Greensburg.

Ross was for several years an exemplary member of the Primitive Baptist church, a young man of fine qualities, and popular among his associates.

The bereaved parents and the brothers who survive, have the deepest sympathy of their many friends.

Dublin Mills.

Supervisor Miller is taking advantage of the dry weather, and with a large force of hands is improving the roads greatly.

S. C. Gracey has quit the mercantile business and gone to Broadtop to fire an engine. It will likely go a little tough with Sammy when the sun gets hot.

Mrs. J. Witter who has been in poor health for a long time is getting better.

Any one wanting a sign for his place of business will not miss it by calling on Daddy Palmer of this place.

Stewart Lander and son are selling some first class corn at a dollar a barrel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Heeter and daughter Lizzie spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. Porter Anderson.

Bert Winegardner is practicing his 2-year old pacing horse for the Hagerstown fair.

Saluvia.

Miss Hattie Alexander of McConnellsburg, accompanied Rev. Dr. West, to Green Hill Saturday and remained until Sunday the guest of Miss Anna Spear.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Stevens, and daughter Miss Grace, of Chambersburg, were visiting Mrs. Stevens' mother Mrs. L. E. Harris, from Saturday, until Tuesday of this week.

Miss Drucie Laidig, and sister Mrs. Howard Noble, (nee Laidig) of Laidig, were guests of Mrs. Harris' family Monday night.

Field Secretary M. R. Shaffner of the Fulton County S. S. Association, organized a Sunday school at Cito school house last Sunday afternoon. The hour of meeting will be at 2:30 every Sunday afternoon.

ACCIDENT AT BIG COVE TANNERY.

Rowe Mellott's Foot Terribly Crushed in a Planing Mill.

Rowe Mellott who purchased the Big Cove Tannery property from Capt. Skinner a few months ago, utilizes the water power at the old tannery to run a planing mill. Last Friday evening while operating the planing mill, Mr Mellott went down to the pit to adjust some belting, and in stepping on a girder near which a large cast wheel was running, one of the spokes of the wheel caught his right foot and crushed it down between the wheel and the girder tearing the shoe from his foot, and shaving the flesh from the entire side of his foot. Fortunately, not a bone was broken. Dr. Sappington was called and dressed the injured member. The result would have been very much more serious, had it not been for the fact that Mr. Mellott was wearing an unusually heavy pair of shoes.

Pine Ridge.

Our farmers have been much encouraged by the gentle showers of the past few days.

Miss Irene Hockensmith of Pleasant Ridge has gone to Clearfield, where she has employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Deshong and family visited Mary E. Mellott's Sunday.

Albert Mellott has purchased a fine buggy from E. N. Akers.

Our friend John Lake purchased a good horse last week at the sale. John says he is an elegant driver.

U. S. Deshong and wife visited W. F. Wink last Sunday.

Scott Mellott and E. W. Strait returned home from bark peeling Saturday evening.

New Grenada.

Harry Foster of Enid visited friends in Altoona recently. Annie Truax, her daughter Cora, and son John, visited friends in New Grenada.

A. D. Bergstresser of Wells lost a valuable gray mare a few days ago.

Geo. Harris and J. H. H. Lewis were the fence-builders at work in our township the past week.

G. H. McCoy and family left our village on Thursday for Newburg, Cumberland county, and Richard Alloway now owns and occupies their late residence.

Mrs. John Sealer of Allegheny City is spending the summer months in Wells Valley.

William Wagoner, father of Mrs. Geo. Shafer of this place, died last Monday at his home at Shirleysburg. Interred at Cherry Grove Tuesday.

Tammany Base Ball team organized on Saturday and played the first practice game of the season. Tammany cut quite a figure in the sporting world last season, and looks fair to be much better this season.

Isaac McClain and family of West Dublin visited. Mrs. Catharine Duvall here on Sunday.

Rev. H. S. Bickel of Camp Hill, Pa., ex-pastor of Ft. Littleton circuit, Church of God, in company with Miss Emma Bare of Ft. Littleton, drove into our village on Thursday, and were the guests of Dr. Campbell at the Houck House. After dining together, the rest of the day was spent very pleasantly taking in the sights with Squire McDonough acting as guide.

Alford Johnson and wife (ee, Julia Edwards) of Street-

er, Ill., his sister, Mrs. W. H. Baumgardner, of Wells Tannery and son Harry—all drove down from the Tannery on Friday, and spent the day pleasantly in the home of F. G. Mills in this place.

Mrs. Baumgardner and Harry returned home in the evening and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson remained a few days. As this is the first visit home since Julia's marriage, the boys thought it a good opportunity for some sport. The matter was quietly whispered around in the evening, and at 9 o'clock such a tune as was never before played by the old N. G. Calithumpians, made the welkin ring. The

bride and groom came forth and received congratulations. The boys were nicely treated, and it ended in cheers for the bride and groom—cheers for the stars and stripes—and some one suggested cheers for a popular candidate, when a wild yell went out. Dr. Campbell, F. G. Mills, L. L. Cunningham, and others were then hoisted in the air to the amusement of the crowd, and thus ended a night's sport to all.

Maude Cunningham spent last Sunday with friends at Enid.

We can boast of an expert sun bonnet maker, in the person of Mrs. Libbie Grissinger, who has during the last three years, made 500 bonnets and sold them to the wives and daughters of the miners at Robertsdale and Woodvale. As they were sold at an average price of 30 cents, each, she realized at least \$150. It required several webs of gingham to make them. The demand is by no means supplied.

Wells Tannery.

Our city is not so quiet since the arrival of the locusts.

The G. A. R. Post requests all Orders and Sunday schools to meet at Pine Grove church promptly at 12:30, Memorial Day; from there, to the Presbyterian cemetery and thence to Wells Valley.

Dr. and Mrs. Swartzweider, of Needmore, enroute to Pittsburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Forman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnston of Streator, Illinois, are visiting Mr. Johnston's sister, Mrs. W. H. Baumgardner, and Mrs. Johnston's mother, Mrs. Frank Mills of New Grenada. They will remain for some time and visit some of the eastern cities.

George A. Wishart of Chicago, is home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wishart for a two weeks vacation.

Harlan Wishart of Marquette, Michigan, and Dr. and Mrs. Hunter of Lewistown, are visiting their old home.

H. L. Baumgardner is visiting relatives at Cottage and Neffs Mills Huntingdon county.

Ora Truax of Enid, spent a few days with her cousin, Cora Truax.

Bert Winegardner and sister of Maddensville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ran McDonald.

The Sunday schools are preparing special services for Children's Day, June 10th. There will be communion service in the Presbyterian church June 1st at 3 o'clock. Preparatory service, Friday evening.

Farmers' Institutes.

The County Board of Farmers' Institute Managers, will meet at the County Commissioners' office on the second Tuesday of June, to arrange for the place where Institutes are to be held this season. All of our people who desire Institutes, ought to attend this meeting and present their claims.

This Board is composed of the Local Members of the State Board of Agriculture, and one representative from each County Agricultural Society, the Pomona Grange and County Alliance. If you had that you cannot attend this meeting, address a letter with your request to Chairman of Board of Institute Managers, care County Commissioners.

Big Cove Tannery.

Miss Daisy Morget and friend were visitors at the home of Miss Morget's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Morget.

A large crowd attended the festival Friday and Saturday evenings.

David Lauer, Charles Deshong and Capt. Dotterman have just completed the mason work of the new church. The framing will be commenced in a few days.

A. S. Brubaker is in this neighborhood again.

Lillie Cooper and sister spent last week at J. L. Richards' and Gen. Peddin and Capt. Dotterman were at George W. Deshong's.

NOT AFRAID OF A SNAKE.

Grandmother Shaffer—86 years old—Clubs a Big One to Death.

Last Thursday while walking in the yard at the home of her son John Shaffer of Tod township, Mrs. Catharine Shaffer, who will be 86 years of age if she lives to see her next birthday, unexpectedly came upon a snake three feet in length. She didn't climb a fence, she didn't run screaming into the house, she didn't ring the dinner bell to call in the neighbors—in fact, she didn't do anything silly; but she just picked up a club that happened to be within reach, and while the snake was flipping out his black tongue to frighten mother Shaffer, she gave him a good blow—and another—and another—every lick meaning a stroke of paralysis, and in less time than it takes to read this story, she had put a period to the existence of his snakeship, and was not a bit nervous over the affair. The same day John killed two, and his wife two. It was a kind of St. Patrick's Day with them.

Miss Elsie Greathead is visiting friends in Pittsburg.

The lightning struck a big walnut tree out in Mrs. E. C. Trout's meadow last Sunday.

Miss Georgia Woodal of Chambersburg is visiting her sister, Mrs. Horace Cromer at 90 Cliff street, Pittsburg, Pa.

Rev. J. E. Ott will preach a memorial sermon to the soldiers of the G. A. R. at Asbury, Friday May 30, at 10:30 A. M.

Miss Carrie Greathead who has just completed a term of school at Penns Manor Bucks county has returned home for her summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin Myers of Mercersburg, drove over Sunday morning and stayed till Monday with Mrs. Myers' parents Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Kendall.

M. P. Barton and W. C. Hanks two of Brush Creeks' prominent young Republicans dropped in to see us a few minutes while in town Tuesday.

Miss Anna Atkinson and Miss Sadie Mock of Mercersburg drove to McConnellsburg Sabbath morning and were accompanied by Mrs. Christmas Shimer to Miss Sadie's home in Tod township.

Almost \$4000 were paid out by the Rockhill Furnace Co. on their second pay day, May 15, 1902. The repairs are about all completed and iron is expected to be made this week. 162 men are on the payroll. Supt. Gleim and able corps of assistants are practical in the detailed work, and the furnace is sure to be successful.

Republican Convention.

One of the most hotly contested factional fights that has occurred in this county for years, was that in the Republican party this year in which one side was represented by M. R. Shaffner for Chairman and D. H. Patterson for Senate, and on the other side, by F. M. Taylor for Chairman and Dr. A. D. Dalbey for Senate. The Shaffner—Patterson faction won the fight.

At the convention Tuesday every district was fully represented by delegates, and an unusual number of visiting statesmen were present. R. M. Kendall, acted as chairman, and M. W. Nace and Dr. Jim McKibbin secretaries. The ticket named is: F. M. Johnston, for Congress; D. H. Patterson for state Senate; M. W. Nace, delegate to state convention; N. B. Hanks, legislature; H. Park Palmer and Grant Baker commissioners, and Geo. W. Glenn auditor.

Mrs. Daniel Mock left last Wednesday to visit relatives and friends in Harrisburg. On her return, she will stop in Carlisle with her daughter, Mrs. S. S. Kapp.